THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Supreme Court *vide* its judgment dated 25.10.2007 in the case of Smt. Seema *Vs.* Ashwani Kumar has directed the States and Union Territories who have not acted in line with the directions given on 14.02.2006 shall forthwith do it and in no case later than three months from 25.10.2007. The Central Government has sought the comments of the State Governments/Union territories as regard the compliance of the direction of the Supreme Court.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected from the State Governments and Union Territories.

Suggestions and recommendations by Supreme Court and High Courts

†1771. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received suggestions and recommendations on different issues from High Courts and Supreme Court during the last three years, till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government has taken or is going to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Suitable action is taken from time-to-time.

Setting up of Environment Courts

1772. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that environment related court disputes are on the rise in the country; and

(b) if so, whether Government is planning to set up specialised Environment Courts in various parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Law Commission of India, in its 186th Report had *inter-alia* recommended setting up of environmental courts in each State, consisting of judicial and scientific experts in the field of environment of dealing with environmental disputes besides having appellate jurisdiction in respect of appeals under various Pollution Control Laws. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has, in principle, accepted the recommendations of the Law Commission with certain modifications. It proposes to set up a National Environment Tribunal and some Regional Environment Tribunal for groups of State for effective and expeditious disposal of civil cases relating to environment.

Memorandum by States on Mineral Policy

1773. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Ministers of five mineral-based States have met the Prime Minister and submitted a memorandum, asking for a favourable mineral policy;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.